

**Executive Committee for Highway Safety
Ensuring Drivers are Fully Licensed
Working Group Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2005 – Mtg. #7**

Location:

DMV, Commissioner's Conference Room, 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Wayne Hurder

Rob Foss

Max Tate

Cliff Braam

Officer Pete Morrison

Scribe:

Cliff Braam

Minutes:

- The meeting began at approximately 9:05 a.m.

Task I – Selection of WG Chair

Cliff discussed the need to have someone take on the role of Co-Chair for the working group to assist in putting together meeting agendas, conducting the meetings, organizing strategies and taking minutes for the meetings.

No volunteers stepped forward. Cliff will discuss with the Commissioner and a co-chair will be appointed prior to the next meeting.

Task II – Review/Finalization of Strategies

The group next discussed the two strategies presently in draft form.

Habitual Revoked Driving

It was discussed that this strategy was on the right track, but that it needed to be modified into something that could actually be accomplished within the court system. The strategy currently calls for imprisonment for habitual offenders, but it was noted that the prisons are already overcrowded and that the cost associated with this was overwhelming.

One idea that was mentioned was instead of imprisonment was some form of "house arrest". If properly executed, this would achieve the same results. Rob Foss will modify the strategy and send out to the group.

Impoundment of License Plates

Comments on this strategy included: 1) Developing a way to prevent an associate of the violator from re-registering the vehicle in someone else's name and 2) ensuring that this process is handled administratively.

Cliff will make the necessary changes. This will be the strategy that the group takes to the Executive Committee at the next meeting.

Task III – What’s Next?

Next the group discussed possible new strategies. These included:

Vehicle Inspection Stickers

Pete came up with an idea to revise the current vehicle inspection stickers back to the old style with the large numbers indicating when the inspection expired instead of the small hole punched dates presently being used. With the large numbers, law enforcement officers were able to read the expiration date when passing a vehicle, where as with the small hole punched numbers, this is not possible. If an inspection sticker is out of date, then this is enough cause for the officer to make a vehicle stop. These types of stops typically resulted in many other citations/arrests including driving while revoked or suspended. The new inspection stickers have essentially removed a valuable resource/tool from law enforcement offices.

Pete will develop this into a formal strategy. This should be an easy, inexpensive strategy to implement.

Temporary (30 Day) Tags

There was discussion about vehicles that have temporary or 30 day tags on them, typically the type that are issued by a dealer when a vehicle is purchased. The problem with this is that law enforcement can not confirm that these tags are valid, are on the right vehicle, ect. Data is not entered in the system to allow these to be traced, linked to a vehicle. This poses many problems for law enforcement as well as provides many opportunities for potential violators.

Wayne will explore this and develop a strategy to get temporary tags into the system.

Action Items:

Name	Item
Group	It was suggested that each present member think about who could be added to this working group to bring new ideas to the table and help the group accomplish it’s goals. If anyone thinks of a potential new member, please invite them to the next meeting.
Group	Please forward drafts/revisions of your strategies to Cliff when they are completed so that they can be distributed to the rest of the group for comments.
Rob	Revise the Habitual Revoked strategy to include house arrest instead of prison time.

Cliff	Revise Impoundment of License Plate strategy to incorporate group comments.
Pete	Draft strategy for changing vehicle inspection stickers back to the old style with large numbers indicating the expiration date.
Wayne	Draft strategy for temporary tag linkage.

NEXT MEETING: September 8, 2005 at 9:00, DMV Conference Room